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In re Application of

Mikimasa Suzuki et al

Application No. 09/675,209 Filed: September 29, 2000 Attorney Docket No. 1-85 : DECISION ON PETITION

: UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed February 20, 2003, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is granted.

No Notice of Abandonment has been mailed in this application. However, the subject application became abandoned by operation of law (35 U.S.C. § 133) for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 in a timely manner to the final Office action mailed July 26, 2002, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. A two month extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on December 27, 2002.

The reply in the form of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 and submission (request to consider the reply previously submitted on December 20, 2003) have been received.

Accordingly, since the conditions for revival have been satisifed, the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is granted and this application has been restored to pending status.

As authorized, the \$1,300 petition fee anad the \$750 RCE fee will be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

This application is being forwarded to Technology Center AU 2814 for processing of the RCE filed on February 20, 2003.

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